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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Mr. Stone	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Chairman asked for comments on the proposed Outline for Section 11 Chapter I, copies of which were distributed for study at the last meeting. Members had no changes or additions to suggest and the Outline as set forth in Item 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 83, was approved, subject to such changes as might be considered and approved by the Committee prior to the publication of the revised NIS Standard Instructions.

3. Comments were requested on the proposal for definitions of the categories for the new form of D/NIS Qualitative Adequacy Report which was taken under study by the members at the last meeting (Item 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 83). The State member recommended changes in the proposed definitions and the discussion which followed brought out divergent views among the members regarding the definitions proposed by State. It was agreed that the matter would be given further study and Committee action was deferred, therefore, until a later meeting. The Chairman announced that present procedures would be followed until the Committee reached agreement on the matter.

4. The Chairman informed the members that in view of the rapidly increasing number of volumes of published NIS, a study had been made of the need for providing a back tab for each volume which would show the NIS elements contained therein. It was found that there was a requirement for such a tab and many different types were considered in the course of the study. A sample back tab, which had been selected as the most suitable for the purpose, was submitted to the members for examination, and received their approval. The Chairman undertook to obtain the tabs and arrange for distribution thereof to all recipients of NIS.

5. The revised credit statement for NIS Chapter IX, which was tentatively approved at the last meeting, was given final approval by the Committee.

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6. The Chairman inquired as to the status of the comments on the revised elements of the NIS Standard Instructions which the Agencies were to submit on or about 15 November 1950. The State and Air Force members submitted comments of their Agencies and furnished copies thereof to the other members. The State member advised that he expected to submit two additional suggestions relating to the instructions on graphic material before the next meeting. The Navy member stated that comments of his Agency relating to Chapter III would be incorporated in the Army comments on this Chapter. Army comments were not ready for submission but it was expected that they would be before the next meeting except for the comments on Chapter II. The Army member stated that a proposal for an additional section in Chapter II to cover air drop areas was under study and it was agreed that comments on this Chapter would be withheld pending resolution of this matter. It was further agreed that Army would send copies of its comments to the other Committee members as soon as they were completed so that they might be studied prior to their being brought up for Committee consideration.

7. The Chairman announced that State had raised a question on the use of the name "Siam" in preference to the name "Thailand" for NIS 42. The State Department was requested by the Thailand Government in May 1949 to use the name "Thailand" and this name had been used in all official references to the kingdom in question since that date. State, therefore, requested that the name "Thailand", not "Siam", be used in NIS 42. The Chairman pointed out that BGN had established "Siam" as the conventional name and "Thailand" as the native name. Both names are, therefore, of equal stature and in accordance with NIS policy the conventional name had been selected for use in the NIS. It was agreed that Navy, Army and Air Force members would ascertain the views of their agencies and that the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. The Chairman informed the members that the Economic Cooperation Administration had established requirements for NIS Chapters III, IV, V, and VI on NIS 9 (Spain) and NIS 99 (Philippines). Notification was given that in accordance with established policy CIA would furnish the desired NIS to ECA except for elements that are specifically excluded from dissemination to Non-IAC Agencies by the producing agency.

9. The Chairman announced that State had proposed a partial readjustment of their production schedule for FY 1951. Since proposals for a complete revision of the FY 1951 production schedule will be considered by the Committee at its first meeting in December, State agreed to withdraw its proposal and incorporate the desired changes in the proposal State will submit for the complete revision of the current schedule.

10. Members were reminded that in addition to proposals for the revision of the FY 1951 production schedule, proposals for a tentative FY 1952 production schedule are also to be considered at the first meeting in December.

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11. The Chairman stated that Army had raised a question regarding the difference in cut-off dates in connection with the preparation of Sections 70, 71, 72, 73, and 75 of Chapter VII, NIS 26. The cut-off date for three of these sections is 1 January and for the other two sections is 1 February. Members were informed that the Chapter VII Coordinator had been informed of the situation and had sent a memorandum to the members of the subcommittees concerned requesting that a uniform cut-off date of 1 January 1951 be established for all sections of Chapter VII, NIS 26.

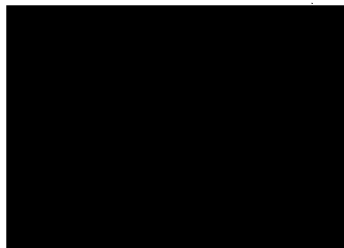
12. The State member advised that State will shortly request active support of the NIS Program from its members in US missions abroad. Army, Navy, and Air Force have already issued similar directives to their attachés.

13. In connection with the ECA Counterpart Funds Research program which was discussed at NIS Committee Meeting No. 80, the Chairman announced that the State representatives who are formulating the program had returned from the meeting held in Paris regarding this program. It is expected that a meeting will be held in the near future at which a definitive outline of the program will be given.

14. The Chairman reviewed over-all production progress and pointed out that the month of November would show the lowest production in the past year and a half unless there is a substantial increase in submissions to D/NIS in the last three days of the month. Indications during the past two months pointed to improvement in the production situation following the disruption to the program caused by the Korean emergency. However, the expected improvement has not materialized and there is reason for serious concern over the apparent lack of progress being made in re-establishing a reasonable flow of contributions to D/NIS. All members were urged to exercise unusual effort to overcome the lag in production which is now approaching a critical stage.

15. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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